

30 October 2014

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Subj: CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A CELLULAR ANTENNA ON BUILDING 19, NSA BETHESDA

Ref: (a) SECNAVINST 5090.6A, Policies and Responsibilities for Implementation of the National Environmental Policy Act within the Department of Navy, dated 26 April 2004
(b) OPNAVINST 5090.1D Ref (c), Environmental Readiness Program Manual, 10 JAN 2014

1. ACTION SPONSER: Naval Support Activity Bethesda

2. Program/Project: 1366781

3. REGULATION/REQUIREMENTS:

a. Per reference (a) the subject action has been reviewed under Navy procedures for implementing the National Environmental Policy Act.

b. Per reference (b), a determination that the proposal action may be Categorically Excluded from additional NEPA review and documentation has been made based on the evaluation of the effect of the proposed action on the human and natural environment.

4. DESCRIPTION of PROPOSED ACTION: The proposed action is to install a cellular phone antenna on the North West side of Building 19. This antenna will allow increased cellular connectivity around the installation.

5. ANTICIPATED ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS: The installation of a cellular antenna is not anticipated to have any significant impacts on natural resources, cultural resources, storm water, traffic, air quality, noise, solid waste generation or hazardous waste generation. Building 19 is within the historic district but is not considered a contributing resource. This project is not anticipated to have an adverse effect on a cultural resource. This project will take place entirely within the existing footprint of the buildings telecommunications area. There are no anticipated impacts to natural resources.

The installation is scheduled to be placed entirely within the footprint of the building's roof. There is no expectation that this project will need a laydown area or have any impacts

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on installation storm water resources. This project is not expected to have a significant impact on interior or exterior air quality. Traffic and noise impacts are not expected during installation.

No hazardous material generation is expected during this project; however, should asbestos or other hazardous materials be discovered, the contractor shall work with the Public Works Department to ensure proper disposal per regulatory requirements. All non-hazardous construction debris will be disposed of per regulatory requirements, or recycled where possible.

6. ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE DETERMINATION: In accordance with Executive Order 12898, this action is not anticipated to have disproportionately high or adverse human health or environmental effects on minority and low-income populations.

7. NO EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES: The following statements are made for the record to clarify that there are no extraordinary circumstances associated with this proposed action:

a. Building 19 is within the National Naval Medical Center Historic District; however, the building is not a contributing resource to the district nor is it individually eligible for listing. The Navy consulted with Maryland Historical Trust in June of 2013. The MHT did not respond within 45 days of the date of the consultation letter. Under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, failure of the SHPO to respond within 30 days from receipt of a finding shall be considered agreement of the SHPO with the finding, (36 CFR 800.5 (c)(1)). As such, the Navy has determined that this action does not have the potential to affect the historic properties within the NNMC historic district or any other cultural resources on base.

b. After full consideration, this project has been determined not to have, individually or cumulatively, a significant effect on the quality of the human or natural environment under normal circumstances, including public health, security and safety, cultural resources, or that of any endangered or threatened species.

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8. DECISION/FINDING: The proposed action has been reviewed and meets the criteria for a Categorical Exclusion per reference (b), see Section 10-3.14 Table 10-6, No.14, "Alternation of and additions to existing buildings, facilities, structures, vessels, aircraft, and equipment to confirm or provide conforming use specifically required by new or existing applicable legislation or regulations." This action can be excluded from further documentation under NEPA.


By direction

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This document does not relieve the proponent of compliance with applicable federal and state laws and regulations. If the scope of work is modified, the Project Engineer/Planner must inform PWD Environmental to have the Categorical Exclusion reviewed for accuracy.